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The RAJAH'S DIAMOND

PART II

Story of the Young Man In Holy Orders



IE Rev. Mr. Simon Rolles had distinguished himkelf in the moral sciences and was more than usually proficient in the study of divinity. His essay "On the Christian

Doctrine of the Social Obligations" obtained for him at the moment of its production a certain celebrity in the University of Oxford, and it was understood in clerical and learned circles that young Mr. Rolles had in contemplation a considerable work-a folio, it was said-on the authority of the fathers of the church. These attainments, these ambitious designs, however, were far from helping him to any preferment, and he was still in quest of his first curacy when a chance ramble in that part of London, the peaceful and rich aspect of the garden, a desire for solitude and study and the cheapness of the lodging led him to take up his abode with Mr. Raeburn, the nurseryman of Stockdove line.

It was his habit every afternoon after he had worked seven or eight hours on St. Ambrose or St. Chrysostom to walk for awhite in meditation among the roses. And this was usually one of the most productive moments of his day. But even a sincere appetite for thought and the excitement of grave problems awaiting solution are not always sufficient to preserve the mind of the philosopher against the petty shocks and contacts of the world. And when Mr. Rolles found General Vandeleur's see retary, ragged and bleeding, in the company of his landlord, when he saw both change color and seek to avoid his questions, and, above all, when the former denied his own identity with the most unmoved assurance, he speedfly forgot the saints and fathers in the vulgar interest of curiosity.

"I cannot be mistaken," thought he "That is Mr. Hartley beyond a doubt. How comes he in such a pickle? Why does he deny his name? And what can be his business with that black looking ruffian, my landlord?"

As he was thus reflecting, another peculiar circumstance attracted his attention. The face of Mr. Raeburn appeared at a low window next the door. and, as chance directed, his eyes met those of Mr. Rolles. The nurseryman seemed disconcerted and even alarmed and immediately after the blind of the like Mr. Raeburn before him, nothing apartment was pulled sharply down.

"This may all be very well," reflected Mr. Rolles, "it may be all excellently well, but I confess freely that I do not think so. Suspicious, underhand, untruthful, fearful of observation, I believe upon my soul," he thought, "the pair are plotting some disgraceful ac-

The detective that there is in all of us awoke and became clamant in the bosom of Mr. Rolles, and with a brisk, eager step that bore no resemblance to his usual gait he proceeded to make the circuit of the garden. When he came to the scene of Harry's escalade. his eye was at once arrested by a broken rosebush and marks of trampling on the mold. He looked up and saw scratches on the brick and a rag of trouser floating from a broken bottle. This, then, was the mode of cotrance chosen by Mr. Raeburn's particular friend. It was thus that General Vandeleur's secretary came to admire a flower garden. The young clergyman whistled softly to himself as he stooped to examine the ground. He could make out where Harry had landed from his perflous leap. He the rainh's diamond. recognized the flat foot of Mr. Raes | burn where it had sunk deeply in the soll as he pulled up the secretary by the collar. Nay, on a closer inspection, he seemed to distinguish the marks of groping fingers, as though something had been spilled abroad and eagerly collected.

"Upon my word," he thought, "the

thing grows vastly interesting." And just then be caught sight of comething almost entirely buried in the earth. In an instant be had disinterred a dainty morocco case, ornamented and clasped in gilt. It had been trodden rich. heavily under foot and thus escaped the hurried search of Mr. Raeburn. Mr. Rolles opened the case and drew a long breath of almost horrified astonfshment, for there lay before him in a cradle of green velvet a diamond of prodigious magnitude and of the finest | took his leave. water. It was of the bigness of a duck's egg, beautifully shaped and upon it it gave forth a inster. like that never presented so little inferest, and of electricity and seemed to burn in his hand with a thousand internal fires.

He knew little of precious stones, but the rajab's diamond was a wonder and glanced them through, but they that explained itself. A village child, contained nothing to his purpose, if he found it, would run screaming for the peacest cottage, and a savage would prestrate himself in adoration but they seem to me conspicuously igbefore so imposing a fetich. The beau- norant of life. Here am I, with learnty of the stone flattered the young ing enough to be a bishep, and I peal-

and seemed to pierce his very beart.

************************ lect. He knew that what he held in his hand was worth more than many years' purchase of an archiepiscopal see, that it would build cathedrals more stately than Ely or Cologne, that he who possessed it was set free forever from the primal curse and might follow his own inclinations without concern or hurry, without let or hindrance, and as he suddenly turned it the rays leaped forth again with renewed brilliancy

Decisive actions are often taken in a shelf and, putting on his hat, hastened moment and without any conscious de- from the house to the club of which he liverance from the rational parts of was a member. In such a place of man. So it was now with Mr. Rolles. mundane resort he hoped to find some

tively do not know how to dispose of a stolen diamond. I glean a hint from a common policeman, and, with all my folios. I cannot so much as put it into execution. This inspires me with very low ideas of university training." Herewith he kicked over his book-

He glanced hurriedly round, beheld, man of good counsel and a shrewd ex-

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rajah's diamond. Early in the afternoon the police arrived with Harry Hartley. The norseryman, who was beside himself with terror, rendily discovered his hoard, and the lewels were identified and in ventoried in the presence of the secre As for Mr. Rolles, he showed himself in a most obliging temper, communicated what he knew with freedom

"Still," he added, "I suppose your business is nearly at an end."

"Ry no means," replied the man from Scotland Yard. And he narrated the second robbery of which Harry had been the immediate victim and gave the young clergyman a description of the more important jewels that were ctill not found, dilating particularly on appearance to be pre-eminently a man

"It must be worth a fortune." served Mr. Rolles.

eried the other.

"The more it is worth," remarked ! Simon shrewdly, "the more difficult it recluse, a student, a creature of ink must be to sell. Such a thing has a should fancy a man might as easily negotiate St. Paul's cathedral."

"Oh, truly," said the officer, "but if the thief be a man of any intelligence

"Thank you," said the clergyman, You cannot imagine how much your

conversation interests me." Whereupon the functionary admitted, that they knew many strange things in his profession and lemediately after

Mr. Rolles regained his apartment, it seemed smaller and barer than usual. without a flaw, and as the sun shone The materials for his great work had he looked upon his lib ary with the eye of scorn. He took down, volume by volume, several fathers of the church,

> "These old gentlemen." thought be. "are no doubt very valuable writers,

but the sunlighted flower garden, the perience in life. In the reading room fall trectors and the house with blinded | he saw many of the country clergy and windows, and in a trice he had shut an archdepeon; there were three jourthe case, thrust it into his pocket and nalists and a writer upon the higher was hastening to his study with the metaphysics playing pool, and at dinner only the raff of ordinary club fre-The Rev. Simon Rolles had stolen the quenters showed their commonplace and obliterated countenances. None of these, thought Mr. Rolles, would know more on dangerous topics than he knew himself; none of them was fit to give him guidance in his present strait. At length, in the smoking room, up many weary stairs, he lift upon a gentleman of somewhat portly build and dressed with consplcuous plainness. He was smoking a eigar and reading the Fortand professed regret that he could do rightly Review. His face was singularno more to help the officers in their by free from all signs of pre-compation or fatigue, and there was something in his air which seemed to invite confidence and to expect submission. The more the young clergyman scrutinized his features the more be was convinced that he had fallen on one capable of giving pertinent advice.

"Sir," said he, "you will excuse my abruptness, but I judge you from your of the world."

"I have indeed, considerable claims to that distinction," replied the stranger, "Ten fortness - twenty fortunes;" laying aside his magazine with a look of mingled amusement and surprise,"

"I, sir," continued the curate, "am a bottles and patristic folios, A recent physiognomy not to be disguised, and I event has brought my folly vividly before my eyes, and I desire to instruct myself in life. By life," he added, "I do not mean Thackeray's novels, but the crimes and secret possibilities of he will cut it into three or four, and our society and the principles of wise there will be still enough to make him conduct among exceptional events. I am a patient sender. Can the thing be

learned in books?" "You put me in a difficulty," said the stranger. "I confess I have no great notion of the use of books, except to amuse a railroad journey, although I believe there are some very exact treatises on astronomy, the use of the globes, agriculture and the art of making paper flowers. I'pon the less apparent provinces of life I fear you will find nothing truthful. Yet, stay," he added, "have you rend Gaboriau?"

Mr. Rolles admitted he had never even heard the name. "You may gather some notions from is at least suggestive, and you will, at cago. the worst, lose your time in good so-

"Sir," said the curate, "I am infinitely obliged by your politeness." "You have already more than repaid e," returned the other.

clets."

sion, he resumed the study of the Fortnightly Review. On his wify home Mr. Rolles pur-

ts Like Trying to Get Rid of Dandruff chased a work on precious stones and Did you ever see any one trying to wash themselves without soap or several of Gaborian's novels. These last he eagerly skimmed until an ad-If you did what would you say of vanced hour in the morning, but although they introduced him to many It is every bit as foolish to try to get rid of Dandruff and to prevent Bald-ness by feeding the germs which cause it, with Canthrarides, Vaseline, Glycernew ideas he could nowhere discover what to do with a stolen diamond. He was annoyed, moreover, to find the inthe and similar substances which form the principal ingredients of most so-called Hair Vigors.

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hand and against the largest edds. Heavens," he broke out suddenly, "is not this the lesson? Must I not learn to cut diamonds for myself?"

It seemed to him as if he had sailed at once out of his perplexifies. He re membered that he knew a jeweler, one B. Maculloch, in Edinburgh, who would necessary training. A few months, perhaps a few years, of sordld toil, and he would be sufficiently expert to divide and sufficiently cuming to dispose with advantage of the rajah's diamond. That done, he might return to pursue his researches at leisure, a wealthy and luxurious student, envied and respected by all. Golden visions attended him through his slumber, and he awoke refreshed and light hearted with the morning sup.

(To be continued.)

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